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1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 3/21/08 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.
2. The prior art cited in the above document does not raise a prima facie case of unpatentability with respect to any of the allowed claims.
3. The information disclosure statement filed 3/24/08 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Conclusion

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